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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the Interview Summary mailed November 18, 2008, and specifically to the requirement stated on page 2 of the notice requiring such a statement.

The Examiner has already issued an interview summary record attached, and the Substance of the Interview contained therein is entirely correct and endorsed by the Applicant. Thus, the interview summary record constitutes the statement of substance of the interview required by MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this paper. If any such fee is due, please charge same to Deposit Account 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,  
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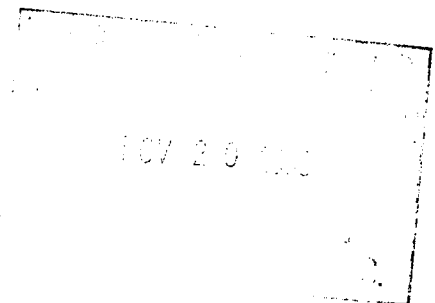
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**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.



<b>Interview Summary</b>  <i>Stmt. Due 12-18-08</i>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/664,273  <b>Examiner</b> MELISSA RYCKMAN	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HERMANN ET AL.  <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>Art Unit</b> 3773</td> <td style="width: 50%;"></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Art Unit</b> 3773	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) MELISSA RYCKMAN. (3) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) George Coury. (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: 12 November 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 50 and 51.

Identification of prior art discussed: Pierce.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner suggested defining the opposed ends to proximal and distal ends, as to define the location of the insert. This appears to overcome the previous rejection. The examiner will update the search upon receiving the amendments.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Melissa Ryckman/ Examiner, Art Unit 3773	/(Jackie) Tan-Uyen T. Ho/ Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3773
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